

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-16 (Canceled).

17. **(Currently amended)** An exhaust-gas cleaning system for cleaning the exhaust gas of an internal combustion engine with self ignition and/or with direct fuel injection, the system comprising

at least one oxidizing catalytic converter [[(4)]], disposed in an exhaust conduit of the engine,

at least one device [[(8)]], disposed downstream of the oxidizing catalytic converter for the selective catalytic reduction of the exhaust gases, and

a delivery device [[(6)]], integrated with the at least one oxidizing catalytic converter [[(4)]], for delivering a reducing agent [[(61)]] into the exhaust-gas stream [[(32)]] of the engine [[(2)]], **the delivery device including a recess or a drilled-out opening in the oxidation catalytic convertor whereby the reducing agent can reach the exhaust stream without coming into contact with the oxidation catalytic convertor.**

18. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 17, wherein the delivery device [[(6)]] comprises a nozzle [[(62)]] for atomizing the reducing agent [[(61)]].

19. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 17, further comprising by a mixing device [[(63)]], downstream of the delivery device [[(6)]], for distributing the reducing agent [[(61)]] in the exhaust-gas stream [[(32)]].

20. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 18, further comprising by a mixing device [[(63)]], downstream of the delivery device [[(6)]], for distributing the reducing agent [[(61)]] in the exhaust-gas stream [[(32)]].

21. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 18, wherein an outlet of the nozzle [[(62)]] is disposed approximately centrally in the oxidizing catalytic converter [[(4)]].

22. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 19, wherein an outlet of the nozzle [[(62)]] is disposed approximately centrally in the oxidizing catalytic converter [[(4)]].

23. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 18, wherein the outlet of the nozzle [[(62)]] is disposed in an outer peripheral region of the oxidizing catalytic converter [[(4)]].

24. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 19, wherein the outlet of the nozzle [[(62)]] is disposed in an outer peripheral region of the oxidizing catalytic converter [[(4)]].

25. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 17, wherein the at least one oxidizing catalytic converter [[(4)]], with the delivery device [[(6)]] integrated with it, comprises a first housing [[(43)]]; and wherein the device for selective catalytic reduction [[(8)]] comprises a second housing [[(81)]] adjoining the first.

26. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 17, wherein the at least one oxidizing catalytic converter [[(4)]] and the device for selective catalytic reduction [[(8)]] have a common housing [[(10)]].

27. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 19, wherein the at least one oxidizing catalytic converter [[(4)]] and the device for selective catalytic reduction [[(8)]] have a common housing [[(10)]].

28. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 17, further comprising at least one further oxidizing catalytic converter [[(41)]] disposed upstream of the at least one oxidizing catalytic converter [[(4)]] in the exhaust-gas stream [[(32)]] of the engine [[(2)]].

29. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 28, wherein the at least one further oxidizing catalytic converter [[(41)]] is disposed in the immediate vicinity of the combustion chambers of the engine [[(2)]].

30. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 28, wherein the at least one further oxidizing catalytic converter [[(41)]] comprises [[by]] one further oxidizing catalytic converter [[(41)]] each on each exhaust gas outlet [[(29)]] from each combustion chamber of the engine [[(2)]].

31. **(Currently amended)** A method for cleaning exhaust gases of an internal combustion engine with self ignition and/or with direct fuel injection, the method comprising passing an exhaust-gas stream through at least one oxidizing catalytic converter [[(4)]] disposed in the exhaust conduit and through at least one device [[(8)]]], downstream of the oxidizing catalytic converter, for selective catalytic reduction, and

delivering a reducing agent [[(61)]] to the exhaust-gas stream [[(32)]] inside the at least one oxidizing catalytic converter [[(4)]], the delivery being effected inside the oxidation catalytic convertor whereby the reducing agent can reach the exhaust gas stream via a recess or a drilled-out opening in the oxidation catalytic convertor without coming into contact with the oxidation catalytic convertor .

32. **(Currently amended)** The method of claim 31, comprising utilizing a nozzle [[(62)]] to effect by a delivery and/or atomization of the reducing agent [[(61)]].

33. **(Currently amended)** The method of claim 31, wherein the reducing agent [[(64)]] is delivered approximately centrally inside the oxidizing catalytic converter [[(4)]].

34. **(Currently amended)** The method of claim 31, wherein the reducing agent [[(61)]] eccentrically inside the oxidizing catalytic converter [[(4)]].

35. **(Currently amended)** The method of claim 31, wherein the exhaust-gas stream [[(32)]] is carried through at least one further oxidizing catalytic converter [[(41)]] upstream of the first oxidizing catalytic converter [[(4)]].

36. **(Currently amended)** The method of claim 31, wherein the exhaust-gas stream [[(32)]] is carried through at least one further oxidizing catalytic converter [[(41)]] each in each exhaust conduit [[(29)]] immediately downstream of the combustion chambers of the engine [[(2)]].